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There is every probability that Baltimore will be given an International League berth, which means that some other city must make way.

The same situation arises in Newark. That franchise was forfeited, but the International League controls it, as far as organized baseball is concerned, and the Ints will more than likely take it over, as Sunday ball can be played in the Jersey metropolis.

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